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**CLARK-COLEMAN APPOINTED TO  
NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION**

LANSING – State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) began her tenure as a member of the Education Commission of the States today as Governor Jennifer Granholm administered the Oath of Office for the national group.

"Michigan will be well-served by Senator Irma Clark-Coleman's appointment to the National Education Commission," Governor Granholm said. "Senator Clark-Coleman's leadership on education issues in Michigan and her background as a school board member gives her great insight into the work that is needed to make our schools world class places of learning."

Sen. Clark-Coleman, the sole Senate representative appointed by Gov. Granholm, was hand-picked to guide this country's educators in improving our schools. "It's an honor to be named to a national commission that serves the educational needs of our children," she said.

The Commission will bridge the gap between good ideas and effective education policy. Part of its responsibilities includes designing communications strategies that will strengthen public understanding of each state's education improvement goals. Commissioners are also entrusted with promoting relationships between state policymakers and the education community at both the state and local levels.

For media access to photos, go to [www.senate.mi.gov/clarkcoleman/PR030404-1.htm](http://www.senate.mi.gov/clarkcoleman/PR030404-1.htm).

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*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*